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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **HIROOKA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1746

Serial No.: 09/337,278

Examiner: **Gentle E. Winter**

Filed: **June 22, 1999**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 8796**

**FOR: CLEANING AND HANDLING METHODS OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENT AND  
CLEANING APPARATUS THEREOF**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 20, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 20, 2004**, extended to **August 20, 2004**, by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.